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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The first session of the Illinois General Assembly
3 met on October 5, 1818 in Kaskaskia, at that time the capital
4 city of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, Kaskaskia served as the state capital of Illinois
6 only during the first general assembly; and

7 WHEREAS, The members of the 100th Illinois General Assembly
8 wish to honor the roots of our great State and commemorate the
9 work of the First Illinois General Assembly during the
10 bicentennial year of the Prairie State; and

11 WHEREAS, The 14 Senators administered the oath of office by
12 Justice of the Peace Miles Hotchkiss on the first day of the
13 1st Illinois General Assembly were: Martin Jones of Bond
14 County, Joseph Kitchell of Crawford County, Guy W. Smith of
15 Edwards County, Michael Jones of Gallatin County, Conrad Will
16 of Jackson County, Thomas Roberts of Johnson and Franklin
17 counties, George Cadwell of Madison County, Alexander Jamison
18 of Monroe County, Lewis Barker of Pope County, William Kinney
19 of St. Clair County, John McFerron of Randolph County, Thomas
20 Cox of Union County, Zariah Maddux of Washington County, and
21 Willis Hargrave of White County; and

1 WHEREAS, The 29 Representatives sworn-in on the first day
2 of the First Illinois General Assembly were: Francis
3 Kirkpatrick of Bond County, David Porter and Scott Riggs of
4 Crawford County, Levi Compton and Henry Utter of Edwards
5 County, Elijah Ewing of Franklin County, John Marshall and
6 Samuel McClintock of Gallatin County, Jesse Greggs of Jackson
7 County, Isaac D. Wilcox of Johnson County, Abraham Prickett,
8 John Howard, and Samuel Whiteside of Madison County, William
9 Alexander of Monroe County, Green B. Field and Robert Hamilton
10 of Pope County, Risdon Moore, John Messinger, and James D.
11 Thomas of St. Clair County, Edward Humphreys of Randolph
12 County, Jesse Echols and John Whiteaker of Union County, Daniel
13 S. Swearngen of Washington County, and William McHenry,
14 William Nash, and Alexander Phillips of White County; and

15 WHEREAS, The Senate President for the First Illinois
16 General Assembly was Lt. Governor Pierre Menard; the Senate
17 Secretary was William C. Greenup and the Senate Doorkeeper was
18 Ezra Owen; and

19 WHEREAS, The Speaker of the House for the First Illinois
20 General Assembly was Rep. John Messinger; the House Clerk was
21 Thomas Reynolds and the House Doorkeeper was Charles McNabb;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, The First Illinois General Assembly created the

1 very first laws of our union's 21st state; and

2 WHEREAS, A commission was established by the First Illinois
3 General Assembly to oversee the selection of a "new seat of
4 government thereon for twenty years" on the Kaskaskia River, a
5 location which would become Vandalia, the second capital city
6 of Illinois; and

7 WHEREAS, The counties of Alexander, Clark, Jefferson, and
8 Wayne were created by the First Illinois General Assembly; and

9 WHEREAS, Many laws establishing and overseeing our State's
10 court system were enacted by the First Illinois General
11 Assembly; and

12 WHEREAS, The First Illinois General Assembly authorized
13 the creation of the first State Seal of Illinois; and

14 WHEREAS, Laws regulating elections, establishing the
15 process to deal with a vacancy in the office of Governor, and
16 providing for the election of electors for the office of
17 president and vice president of the United States were enacted
18 by the First Illinois General Assembly; and

19 WHEREAS, A law providing "for the relief of Dunkards,
20 Quakers and other religious persons, conscientiously

1 scrupulous of bearing arms", now commonly referred to as a
2 conscientious objector law, was approved by the First Illinois
3 General Assembly; and

4 WHEREAS, The First Illinois General Assembly approved
5 several laws regarding infrastructure for our new state,
6 including the creation of turnpikes, bridges, dams, and
7 declaration of navigable waterways, as well as a resolution
8 which called on Congress to continue the extension of the
9 National Road through Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and into
10 Missouri; and

11 WHEREAS, The First Illinois General Assembly enacted
12 numerous other laws including: requiring certain official
13 reports be made to the General Assembly, regulating marriages
14 and divorce, improving the breed of horses in the state,
15 regulating weights and measures, establishing and regulating
16 ferries, suppressing dueling, licensing and regulating
17 taverns, preventing vice and immorality, and for the relief of
18 the poor; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
20 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE
21 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we declare October 5, 2018 as "First
22 Illinois General Assembly Day"; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That officers of the Illinois House of
2 Representatives and the Illinois Senate are requested to plan
3 an appropriate commemorative ceremony to take place on October
4 5, 2018 in Kaskaskia, the site of the first capital city of
5 Illinois; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
7 presented to any descendants who come forward with verifiable
8 proof of lineage to members of the First Illinois General
9 Assembly.